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CHARLESTON, IL--The Eastern Illinois University basketball Panthers can extract some measure of revenge this Saturday (Dec. 10) at Indiana State.

The football Panthers played at Terre Haute three weeks ago in the NCAA I-AA playoffs and were eliminated in a double overtime loss to the Sycamores.

The Eastern cagers can even the score a bit when they play ISU in the 10,200 seat downtown Hulman Center at 6:30 CST Saturday evening.

The Panthers have a 2-1 record (prior to Wednesday's Ball State game) while Indiana State is 3-2 but has a Thursday contest hosting Evansville prior to the EIU game.

Eastern has defeated Kent State (79-76) and then beat Western Illinois (73-70) for third place in the Illini Classic. The loss was 79-65 to Southern Mississippi in the opening game of the Illinois tournament.

"We are certainly off to a much better start than last year," said coach Rick Samuels, in reference to the 1983 0-12 beginning.

"We came from seven points back against Kent State and were able to maintain a close lead most of the second half against Western. Both of those types of games are an indication that we are playing with more and more confidence," Samuels said.

Consider also that Jon Collins, Troy Richardson and Vincent Smelter, three of the top eight players, were all redshirted last year consequently "are still a bit rusty after the layoff," Samuels commented.

***** GAME NOTES *****

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois (2-1) at Indiana State University (3-2) 6:30 CST, Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Hulman Center in Terre Haute, IN.

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with the pregame show beginning at 6:15 p.m. CST. Marc Stuart will call the play-by-play with Dick Vaughan providing the commentary.

ENTATIVE STARTERS:

			<u>EIU</u>			<u>ISU</u>			
20	Jon Collins	F	6-4	So.	44	John Williams	F	6-5	So.
52	Kirk Androff	F	6-7	Jr.	45	Mark Golden	F	6-8	Sr.
00	Kevin Duckworth	C	6-11	So.	50	Terry Braun	C	6-9	Sr.
24	Tim Wyss	G	6-5	So.	10	Al Cole	G	6-3	Sr.
14	Troy Richardson	G	6-0	Jr.	14	Rick Fields	G	6-4	Jr.

THE COACHES: EIU's Rick Samuels, in his fourth year, is 45-43 overall. In his first three seasons the Panthers were 16-11, 14-13 and 13-18. He previously was an assistant at Iowa State.

ISU's Dave Schellhase, in his second season, is 12-21. Last year the Sycamores were 9-19. A former Purdue All-American, Schellhase once led the nation in scoring. He was head coach at Moorhead (MN) State for seven years prior to joining the ISU staff.

THE SERIES: This is the 101st meeting between these two neighboring schools with ISU holding a commanding 72-28 lead.

LAST MEETING: Two years ago at Terre Haute the Sycamores won easily 88-64. Vincent Smelter and Mark Turner are the only two current squad members who played in that game and each scored just two points.

LAST EIU VICTORY: Prior to 1982, these two teams had not played since 1976 when the Panthers won a thrilling 63-61 double overtime game in Lantz Gym. Jeff Furry hit a five foot baseline jumper in the closing seconds to give the Panthers the victory.

LAST WIN AT TERRE HAUTE: EIU has not won there in 25 years losing 13 in a row at Terre Haute, 11 of those in the old gym on campus and two in the new downtown Hulman facility. A Bob Carey coached Panther team was the last winner, 81-80, on December 13, 1958.

COLLINS HONORED: Jon Collins (East St. Louis-Cahokia), 6-4 sophomore forward, was chosen the Mid-Continent 'Player of the Week' in the first selection of the season. Collins scored 61 points in three games with a high of 26 against WIU in the Illini Classic third place contest. He is shooting 67.6% from the field and has been top scorer in all three games.

ANDROFF IN QUICK: Reporting on Monday prior to the Illini Classic, forward Dirk Androff (Decatur-Eisenhower) had just three practices but found himself in the starting lineup Saturday against WIU. He responded with seven points, seven rebounds.

ABOUT ISU: The Sycamores are led by John Williams, a 6-5 sophomore, who as a freshman averaged 18.6 points, was named 'Newcomer of the Year' by the Missouri Valley, Second Team All-MVC and Second Team Freshman All-American by Basketball Weekly. He scored 32 in the opener against Chadron State and had 25 in a loss at Minnesota. Guard Rick Fields is a HM All-MVC pick leading the league in free throw percentage (94.9%) and the Sycamores in assists (146). Dan Braun of nearby Teutopolis is a 6-9 center who transferred from Trinidad JC.

SAMUELS SAYS: "I was pleased with the way we bounced back against Western Illinois after a disappointing performance against Southern Mississippi. We played with more authority and when that happens we'll be in the thick of every game. We also decided that even though Dirk (Androff) hadn't been with us but a few days, that he still was our best field goal shooter and top rebounder, and we needed to get him in there. We have to keep Kevin (Duckworth) in there longer. With his size there will always be incidental contact but we're going to look at some ways to minimize getting those unnecessary fouls."

SAMUELS ON ISU: "It's a veteran club. What do they start . . . three seniors and a junior. Williams is a legitimate big-time player and Fields is a clever guard. They like to push the ball up and down the floor so we can't get caught up in playing their game. We must have control of what's happening out there."

1983-84 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY THREE GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS (2-1)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HIGH
Jon Collins	3(3)	108	25	37	.676	11	16	.687	10	3.3	7	1	4	6	61	20.3	26(WIU)
Kevin Duckworth	3(3)	58	13	21	.619	2	4	.500	16	5.3	2	4	10	9	28	9.3	15(KS)
Tim Wyss	3(3)	100	17	41	.414	3	8	.375	14	4.7	4	2	3	5	37	12.3	18(SM)
Vincent Smelter	3	71	11	19	.579	5	7	.714	5	1.7	6	1	6	10	27	9.0	13(WIU)
Dirk Androff	2(1)	37	2	4	.500	3	4	.750	8	4.0	1	-	5	2	7	3.5	7(WIU)
Troy Richardson	3(3)	78	7	18	.389	8	9	.889	4	1.3	11	4	12(1)	10	22	7.3	10(SM)
Paul Neidig	3	69	3	12	.250	12	12	1.000	11	3.7	4	3	6	3	18	6.0	12(KS)
Derrick Spight	3	40	3	11	.273	3	4	.750	2	0.7	2	-	5	1	9	3.0	5(KS)
Steve Hopkins	2(2)	30	3	7	.428	2	3	.667	7	3.5	1	1	1	2	8	4.0	8(KS)
Drew Beck	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ronnie Duckworth	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Team Rebounds									9								

EIU TOTALS	3	600	84	170	.494	49	67	.731	88	29.3	38	16	54(1)	48	217	72.3	79(KS)
OPPONENTS	3	600	96	188	.511	33	43	.767	98	32.7	47	22	58(3)	47	225	75.0	79(SM)

Blocked Shots: Steve Hopkins 1, Paul Neidig 1

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU - 14 Opp - 6

EIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	13	Jon Collins (Southern Mississippi)
FG	9	Jon Collins (Southern Mississippi)
FTA	12	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)
FT	10	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)
FG%	.778 (7-9)	Kevin Duckworth (Kent State)
FT%	1.000 (8-8)	Paul Neidig (Kent State)
REB	8	Kevin Duckworth (Kent State)
ASST	5	Troy Richardson (Southern Mississippi)
PTS	26	Jon Collins (Western Illinois)

EIU TEAM HIGHS

60	Southern Mississippi
30	Kent State
28	Kent State
21	Western Illinois
.535 (30-56)	Kent State
.778 (21-27)	Western Illinois
32	Kent State, Western Illinois
14	Kent State, Southern Miss.
79	Kent State

EIU TEAM LOWS

54	Western Illinois
26	Western Illinois
12	Southern Mississippi
9	Southern Mississippi
.467 (28-60)	Southern Mississippi
.678 (19-28)	Kent State
24	Southern Mississippi
14	Kent State, Southern Miss.
65	Southern Mississippi

OPP INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

FGA	26	Larry Robbins (Kent State)
FG	12	Larry Robbins (Kent State)
FTA	6	Curtis Green (Southern Mississippi)
FT	6	Curtis Green (Southern Mississippi)
FG%	.833 (10-12)	James Williams (Southern Miss.)
FT%	1.000 (6-6)	Curtis Green (Southern Mississippi)
REB	15	Ken Suttles (Southern Mississippi)
ASST	5	Curtis Green (Southern Mississippi)
PTS	26	Larry Robbins (Kent State)

OPP TEAM HIGHS

66	Kent State
35	Kent State
20	Western Illinois
14	Western Illinois
.532 (33-62)	Southern Mississippi
.860 (6-7)	Kent State
35	Southern Mississippi
18	Southern Mississippi
79	Southern Mississippi

OPP TEAM LOWS

60	Western Illinois
28	Western Illinois
7	Kent State
6	Kent State
.467 (28-60)	Western Illinois
.700 (14-20)	Western Illinois
31	Western Illinois
14	Kent State
70	Western Illinois

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING/REBOUNDING

EIU	OPPONENTS	COLLINS	DUCKWORTH	NEIDIG	WYSS	RICHARDSON	HOPKINS	SMELTER	SPIGHT	ANDROFF
W	79 76 Kent State (H) 2500	17/4	15/8	12/3	9/4	6/2	8/5	7/0	5/0	DNP
L	65 79 Southern Mississippi (N) 10,364	18/3	6/3	6/4	18/3	10/2	0/2	7/2	0/1	0/1
W	73 70 Western Illinois (N) 11,187	26/3	7/5	0/4	10/7	6/0	DNP	13/3	4/0	7/7